



TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT

2008 Session Review

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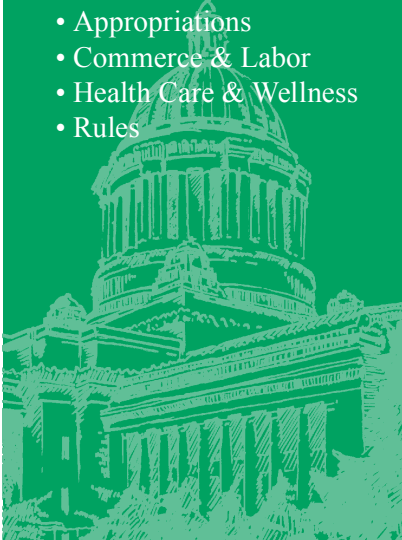
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Dear Neighbor:

The 2008 session has concluded and I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the policy challenges we addressed this year. In addition to our accomplishments, I'm pleased to report that we saved \$850 million in a rainy-day fund which will go a long way to ensure peace of mind during times of economic uncertainty.

The education of our children is among the most important challenges we face as a community. Toward that end, we provided educators with more resources for student learning while investing in the educational training necessary for many to obtain family-wage jobs.

We also wanted to make sure our existing facilities are well-maintained. We took immediate steps to better ensure patient safety by fulfilling staffing needs at Western State Hospital, while also making important capital projects a reality. Additionally, we provided emergency support to repair the Cascade Building at Pierce College, Fort Steilacoom.

I'd like to personally invite you and your family to contact me at any time if I can be of any assistance. We are also having an open house at the District Office on May 8. The details are listed below and I'd love to have the chance to visit with you and show you our office!

Please feel free to call me at (253) 534-3231 to share your thoughts and opinions. I am honored to serve and represent you in the State Legislature. Thank you for allowing me to do so.

Sincerely,

Tami Green



REPRESENTATIVE TAMI GREEN

Protecting the Public

I supported legislation this year that will provide greater protection for our children from the threats posed by sex-offenders. Now, we have even tougher penalties on offenders who fail to register. We also passed an anti street gang measure which will help prevent and suppress criminal acts performed by gangs, and includes provisions to help clean-up gang graffiti.



We also acted in support of crime victims. I sponsored legislation which adds protections to the successful Address Confidentiality Program (ACP). The ACP currently allows victims of certain crimes to substitute an alternative mailing address to protect their right to vote. My bill, SHB 1421, permits victims

who are threatened by stalking to be included in the confidentiality program.

I believe your private wireless telephone number should be kept private. In 2005, we stopped cell phone companies from sharing your wireless number without your consent, but others were still publishing the numbers. So this year we passed SSHB 2479, which requires your consent before a third party, like a phone directory, shares your private phone numbers.



Helping Every Student Succeed

Education continues as a priority for us in Olympia. In order to keep a good teacher in every classroom we responded to Initiative 732's required cost-of-living adjustments for K-12 employees and made up for the adjustments which were not provided for in the 2003-2005 biennium. In total, this amounts to a 4.4 percent raise in 2009. I am also proud of our efforts to increase support for school librarians and career and technical education.



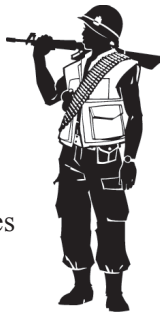
The operating budget provided for a record number of students enrolled in Washington universities and colleges. The 2008 supplemental budget increased support for higher education, including aerospace apprenticeship programs and training for work in the health care industry. In the capital budget, we provided \$4 million to help



safely repair the Cascade Building at Pierce College, Fort Steilacoom.

Supporting Our Military Families

We passed a series of bills in support of the servicemen and women in the armed forces and National Guard, from education initiatives to providing tax relief to retired veterans.



- **Education Compact**

Children with parents who serve in the armed forces frequently move from state to state and are forced to cope with a parent's deployment abroad. This session, we took strides to make a child's transition from school to school less complicated. We established a task force to review our state's participation in an interstate education compact. The compact helps create a uniform system of record-keeping and integrates placement, attendance, residency and graduation requirements.

- **Tuition and Fees Waiver**

This session, we also made enrolling in an institution of higher learning easier for the families of loved ones who make the greatest sacrifice. We passed a bill requiring public colleges and universities to waive tuition and fees for the spouse and children of members of the military and National Guard who are killed or suffer permanent disability in active service. The bill also applies to families of servicemen or women who are missing in action or detained as a prisoner of war.

- **Property Tax Relief**

We passed legislation providing tax relief to retired veterans. The measure allows veterans who suffer service-related disabilities to deduct benefits from the income used to assess property tax reductions.

Announcements:

**Open House @
Rep. Green's District Office**

May 8, 2008
9am-11am and 5pm-7pm



Making Health Care Affordable and Accessible

Affordable and accessible health care is critical for every member of our community. Because your input and opinion about health care is important, we established a citizens' work group to travel all over the state and discuss health care proposals with you.

This session, we also passed bills addressing primary and long-term health care issues. We provided new incentives



to strengthen our primary care system and adopted new standards for mental health counselors. The Aging in Place Act was also passed, which will help elderly and disabled people to remain in their homes as they wish.

I was also able to help secure funding in the Capital Budget for West-

ern State Hospital's laundry facilities. Existing facilities are grossly inadequate, and we provided nearly \$2 million to make sure the institution is able to meet the basic health needs of patients.



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District Focus: Local Achievements

■ Chamber Creek Pedestrian Bridge

We provided \$1.4 million to complete a bridge which links trails and the Chambers Creek golf course to the beachfront – the public has not had access in 90 years.

■ Union Avenue Redevelopment

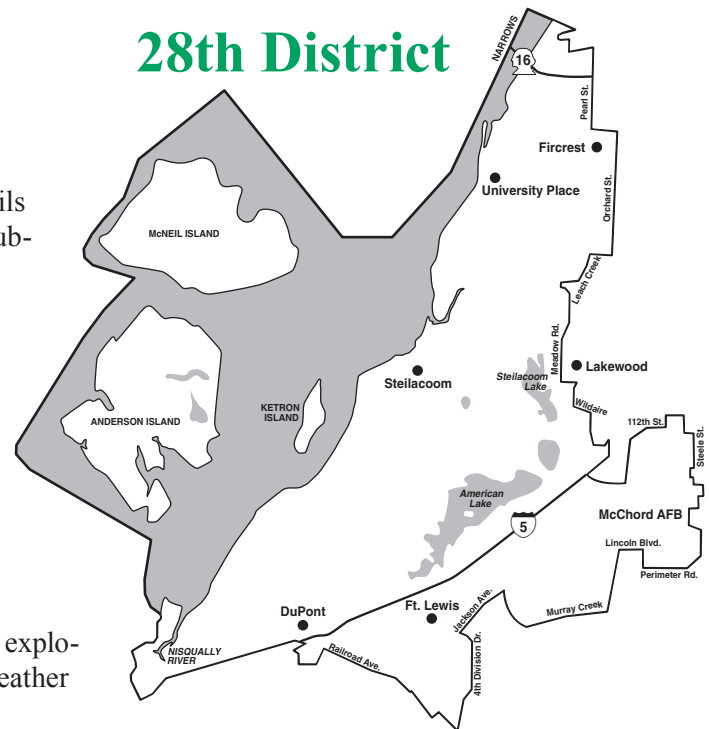
Supporting housing assistance in the Tillicum neighborhood, we provided \$500,000 to begin neighborhood revitalization efforts.

■ Titlow Beach Park Estuary

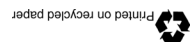
Earmarked \$51,000 to help restore the estuary, a critical habitat for juvenile fish preparing to leave for the open ocean.

■ DuPont Train Canopy

2-ton powder train is a link to DuPont's long-past commercial explosives industry - \$50,000 will help protect this relic from the weather and elements.



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